Statement

Foreign Investment Approvals in Food Processing and Deep Sea Fishing since liberalisation

(Rs. in crores)

Sub-Sector of Food Processing	Approx. Foreign Investment
1. Grain milling and grain based products	311
2. Fruits & Vegetable products	217
3. Meat & Poultry	291
4. Deep Sea fishing fish processing & aquaculture	536
5. Fermentation industry	222
6. Consumer industry including soft drinks water & confectionery etc.	735
7. Milk & Milk product	213
8. Others, including food additives, flavours, etc.	71
TOTAL	2596

MOU Signed with Foreign Countries in the Field of Telecommunications

1639. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of Memoranda of Understanding have been signed by Deptt. of Telecommunications with other countries in the field of telecommunications such as R&D, training, exchange of experts, telecom software etc;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether any such memoranda have also been signed with domestic companies; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) One MOU has been signed during the year 1995 between India and Iran on cooperation in the field of Posts and Telecommunications.

(c) and (d) DOT has not signed any such MOU during 1995 with domestic companies.

Instructions to States for Dealing with dowry death cases

1640. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some years ago, Government had issued a circular to all the State Government and Union Territories Administrations detailing instructions to investigating agencies for investigation into dowry death cases;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether these instructions are being followed properly in the States and U.Ts. and

(d) if not, what action Government propose to take to ensure that the instructions in dowry cases are strictly followed by investigating agencies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The circular issued in 1990 drew the attention of the State Governments towards the Central Governments concern over increased crimes against women and inter-alia suggested that the cases of crimes against women should be registered promptly, investigated at the appropriate level, cases should be filed in the Courts expeditiously and persued vigorously so that the accused persons get the punishment which they deserve. The need to take effective action in cases of violence against women and their harassment continues to be stressed upon the State Governments.

(c) and (d) The registration and investigation of cases of crime is primarily the responsibility of State Governments under the Constitution. According to information available, most States have taken special measures to deal with crimes against women.

Development of National Highways in Maharashtra

1641. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have drawn up any action plan to develop and improve national highways with central assistance in Maharashtra; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Development & improvement of NHs including those in Maharashtra is the responsibility of the Central Government and Annual Plans are formulated for the purpose every year. The Annual Plan 1995-96 provides for various road and bridge development works amounting to Rs. 34.90 crores.

Allocation of Funds for Development of Railway Stations in Punjab

1642. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any amount has been allocated for the development of Railway Stations Junctions in the state of Punjab during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, Statewise;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the amount allocated for the development of Jalandhar Railway Station during the current financial year; and

(e) if so, by when the work is likely to be commenced by Government?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) details are as under:

Station	Details of Work	Amount Allocated (Rupees in lakhs)		
		1992-93	1993-94	1994-95
Ludhiana	Computerisation of reservation system	40.00	20.00	11.67
	Extension of cover over platform	10.50	26.74	11.46
Jalandhar City	Remodelling of station	15.76	0	0
Jalandhar Cantt.	Extension of cover over platform	6.13	11.76	0
Patiala	Improvement to circulating area	1.31	0	0
Firozpur	Replacement of paltform shelter	2.00	2.00	0
Amritsar	Extension of cover over platform	8.50	10.00	8.57
Bathinda	Raising platform level	0	0	9.00
Abohar	Provision of Additional platform & retiring room	0	0	8.00
	TOTAL	84.20	70.90	48.70

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Rs. 11.00 lakh.

(e) Works will commence after completion of requisite formalities and are targetted for completion in 1996-97 subject to availability of funds.

औषधीय पादपों का संरक्षण

1643. **श्री कृष्ण लाल शर्मा:** क्या पर्यावरण और वन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 18 फरवरी, 1995 के 'दि हिन्दुस्तान टाइम्स' में "अनप्रीसिडेन्टिड पलन्डर" शीर्षक से प्रकाशित लेख की ओर आकर्षित किया गया है,

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि किसी समय औषधीय पादपों को उगाने में धनी रहने वाला भारत देश आज इस संबंध में पूर्णतया कंगाल हो गया है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी तथ्य क्या है;

(घ) सरकार द्वारा इन पादपों के विलोपन को नियंत्रित न किये जाने के पीछे क्या कारण है;

(ङ) क्या सरकार उन पादपों का पता लगा पायी है जिन्हें तत्काल संरक्षण की आवश्यकता है; और

(च) यदि हां, तो ऐसे पादपों की प्रकृति क्या है और सरकार द्वारा इनके संरक्षण और पुनरूद्धार के लिये क्या कदम उठाये गये हैं?

पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री कमल नाथ): (क) जी, हां।

(ख) जी, नहीं

(ग) सूचना है कि देशी दवाएं तैयार करने में काम आने वाली कुछ जड़ी-बूटियां धीरे-धीरे कम होती जा रही हैं।